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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the foreign patent documents is attached.

The documents are cited in the Search Report of the corresponding European application in the present application. A copy of the Search Report is also attached.

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